(b) The number of workers on roll in above mills as on 31.12.96 was 196473. As on 28.2.97, the number of workers affected due to closure of 20 cotton/man-made Fibre Textile Mills was 26878.

(c) Government has set up Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction to enquire into the working of sick industrial companies and to prepare and sanction, as appropriate, schemes for revival of mills. While there is no scheme for providing employment to the workers rendered jobless as a result of closure of mills, Government has established Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) to provide interim relief to workers rendered jobless due to permanent/partial closure of mill.

[English]

Private Coal Companies

5460. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that private sector companies are conducting coal mining activities in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether violations of Government rules have been made by these private sector companies in this regard; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of any coal mining activities undertaken by Private Sector in the State of Maharashtra excepting that M/s. Nippon Denro Ispat Ltd. have been allotted three coal mining blocks viz. (1) Baranj I to IV (ii) Lohara West (iii) Bander and M/s. ACC Ltd. have been allotted Lohara East Mining Block in Wardha Valley Coalfields of Maharashtra for purpose of captive mining. However these companies are yet to obtain mining lease to start mining of coal from these blocks.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of answer to part (a) and (b) of the question.

Powerloom Sector

5461. SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the production of textiles by the powerlooms installed in the decentralised sector during the last three years;

(b) if so, the total quantity of textiles manufactured in this sector during the last three years;

(c) whether the exprots of textiles manufactured in this sector have also raised during the recent years;

(d) if so, the textiles exported during the year 1995-96 and the value thereof; and

(e) the target fixed for the production of textiles by powerlooms for the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been increase in the production of textiles in the powerloom sector.

(b) The production of textiles in the powerloom sector during the last three years has been as under:-

Year	Production (Mn. Sq. Mtrs.)
1993-94	15,994
1994-95	15,976
1995-96	17,201

(c) and (d) A statement is attached.

(e) No yearly target has been fixed for the production of textiles by the powerloom sector.

Statement

The export of textiles manufactured in the powerloom sector have raised during the recent years as per details given below:-

*Export of Cotton Powerloom Fabrics & Made-UP**

	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Powerloom Fabrics	949.28	1404.56	998.69	1657.50	1250.25	2013.99
Powerloom Made-ups	62.32	1363.78	69.63	1610.00	89.00	2022.37

*Qty. Fabric- Million Sq. Mtrs.

Qty. Made-ups- Million Kg. Value-Rs. in crores.